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Interim actions include the placement of a temporary cap on the contaminated material in the HRDL/FRDLs. The temporary cap was graded and vegetated to eliminate erosion from runoff and wind.

The Army Corps of Engineers has also planted seedlings and seeded the banks and floodplains with wetland vegetation to restore the riparian ecosystem in this area along Portage Creek. **Attachment A** to this bulletin contains before and after pictures of the Allied Paper OU1 during and after remediation.

The MDEQ will continue to work closely with the PRPs to complete the remedial investigation/feasibility study for the Allied Paper OU1. The MDEQ will prepare a Proposed Plan prior to the selection of the final remedy. When the Proposed Plan is available for review, a public meeting will be held locally to discuss the proposed remedy.

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## Superfund Site History and Background

On August 3, 1990, the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site was officially included on the National Priorities List (NPL) pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 1980 PL 96-510. The site was placed on the NPL because of evidence that the sediments, soils, water column, and biota within the site were contaminated with PCBs.

The MDEQ released the Baseline Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA) for the site in June 1999. This ERA will be used to set the cleanup levels for the site, and can be found at the repositories identified on page 4.

For a detailed history of the site, consult previous fact sheets,

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